

REMARKS

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, filed October 21, 2005, claims 1-19 were pending. In the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005, the Examiner withdrew claims 1-4 in response to Applicant's election with traverse to prosecute Group 22. The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 7-19 as obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 5,756,161 to Taylor either alone or in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,103,644 to Sheridan. The Examiner indicated that claim 6 contained allowable subject matter that would be allowed if amended to include all limitations of any one of the three independent claims from which it depends. Lastly, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant cancels claims 1-4 without prejudice or disclaimer and amends each of independent claims 5, 9, and 11 to include an imidazoline, which is allowable subject matter from claim 6. Dependent claims 6, 8, 10, and 12 have been amended to be consistent with the currently amended independent claim from which they respectively depend. After entry of this Amendment, claims 5-19 will be currently pending. It is Applicant's respectful position that claims 5-19 are allowable, particularly in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicant is in agreement with the Examiner that the prior art does not disclose or suggest "a cleansing pad with a cleaning composition made from an alkanolamide, an anionic surfactant, and . . . an imidazoline, which is solid at room temperature and coated onto a needle punched nonwoven substrate." Office Action at p. 6. However, Applicant wishes to traverse the Examiner's reasons for indication of allowable subject matter to the extent they characterize Applicant's claimed invention as limited to a

cleansing pad or use for cleaning hard metal surfaces such as pot and pans, as those limitations are not recited in the claims. More importantly, Applicant wishes to highlight that independent claims 9 and 11 do not recite an anionic surfactant.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of all pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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